

WAS DRUGGED IN BLOOMINGDALE, SAYS MRS. JACK WILMERDING.

Adds to Her Story of Ill-Treatment at the Asylum.

Threw "Jack's" Presents Into the Fire.

Taken to Bloomingdale Instead of Keeley Cure, Distrusted Lawyer Gleason. Once Thought Him a Friend.

WHEN Marie Fatmeh Wilmerding left the County Court room at White Plains Tuesday noon, after a long inquisition at the hands of adroit lawyers and sharp-eyed specialists in the diseases of the human mind, she did so in the happy conviction that she had proved her sanity and her right to liberty and control of her property.

"I don't mind going back to Bloomingdale for a week," she said. "I hope we won't be late for luncheon."

In the court proceedings instituted to secure the release from Bloomingdale of this beautiful, wayward, great-granddaughter of old Commodore Vanderbilt, the question of property frequently recurred. Lawyer Gleason, who represents Mrs. "Jack's" uncle, Franklin Allen and John Wallace, by order of court, committee of her property and person, has said that Mrs. Wilmerding disposed of property interests worth at least \$35,000 for an inadequate consideration just previous to her departure for Europe last summer. To a Miss Fry, a connection of John and Eliza Forgiveston, professional money lenders, Mr. Gleason avers that these transfers were made, and on behalf of Franklin Allen and John Wallace, he has brought suit to have the conveyances set aside as the act of an incompetent person.

Carroll Estate Plundered.

James C. De La Mare, attorney, at No. 203 Broadway, admits that he conducted the negotiations which ended in Mrs. Wilmerding's selling certain contingent interests in two estates for a sum in ready cash. He yesterday told some curious facts about the negotiations which led up to the financial transactions, and by documentary evidence proved that the estate of Mrs. Wilmerding's grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Carroll, was plundered by lawyers, under color

Laywer Says Her Grandmother Is in an Asylum.

And Her Rich Estate Plundered by Lawyers.

Convinced That Her Sanity Has Been Proved.

Not Penniless, Although She Dealt with Money Lenders.

DOES THIS FACE INDICATE DISSIPATION?

Mrs. "Jack" Wilmerding now says that she has been drugged frequently during her stay in Bloomingdale insane asylum. This is one of the arguments to strengthen her contention that she is not mentally unsound, but has been erratic, owing to the influence of drugs and the dispiriting conditions in which she indulged.

This woman of remarkable beauty, of charming manners, of graceful bearing, a great granddaughter of Commodore Vanderbilt, began life and entered womanhood with every advantage that wealth and social connections could give.

But her own evidence regarding herself is a remarkable commentary on what a woman may become, in spite of wealth and refinement, and the vast advantages of famous family connections and powerful friends. For this handsome woman tells of a life that had become a revel of dissipation. She admitted, among other things, that she not infrequently drank a quart of whiskey in a single day. She swallowed absinthe, cocktails and various liquors in enormous quantities. She smoked scores of cigarettes a day. She lived on excitement and her search for it took her to dangerous limits.

And all this calls attention to that of her remarkable woman, the handsome princess of Chimney, who also was gently nurtured, carefully bred, surrounded by the safeguards of great wealth and social position, but who also found that she could live only on excitement.

of a Surrogate Court order, away back in 1877.

"Mrs. Wilmerding first applied to the Surrogate for a loan through the same lawyer, Levy, who now appears as counsel in the habeas corpus proceedings," said Mr. De La Mare. "I conducted the negotiations for my client, Miss Forgiveston. What Mrs. Wilmerding did was to transfer her contingent interest in two estates held in trust under bequests in the names and for the benefit of her father, Colonel Vanderbilt Allen, and of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary E. Carroll. The trust interests were sold at the death of Mrs. Allen and Mrs. E. Carroll these funds should revert to their heirs—Marie Fatmeh Allen Wilmerding and her sister."

"I advised my client not to make the loan. Mrs. Wilmerding got a very equitable return for all she transferred. The amounts I will not state, but she transferred nothing like the property alleged in the newspaper stories of the case. Besides, she only transferred a contingent interest in these trust funds held in the United States and Farmers' Loan and Trust Company."

Mrs. "Jack" Is Shrewd.

"I never saw a brighter, shrewder business woman than Mrs. Wilmerding when she came to me, and having seen and talked

WOMAN LYNCHED WITH THREE MEN.

his bare feet. He caught sight of them and ran down the road with a yell, shouting 'Wid Man' in a hoarse, hoarse, hoarse voice. She said that the Wild Man does some lovely waltz steps.

The police went out to the waltzing Wild Man in a corn field, and nothing was heard of him until yesterday, when he appeared in a pasture near Carteret, trying to teach a sedate steer to dance the Saratoga two-step. Women and children became frightened and hid in cellars when the Wild Man waltzed along etc. Carteret and warbled in a beautiful baritone voice. Old residents who have known every Rahway yard for years observed the new one from safe distances and proclaimed him a total stranger. Last night belated callers came into Rahway and Carteret and reported having heard wild melody and soft laughter off in the woods.

An attempt will be made to catch the wild man to-day. It has been suggested, inasmuch as he is a waltzer and a singer, that an endeavor be made to land him with a brass band as bait.

DOUBLES DAMAGES ZOLA MUST PAY.

Novelist Let His Appeal in Another Libel Suit Go by Default.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The strength of the anti-Zola prejudice prevailing here was again illustrated to-day. When the appeal of M. Zola in the libel suit brought against him by the handwriting experts, MM. Belhomme, Varinard and Courat, was called up in the Court of Appeals Zola was not represented and permitted the case to go by default. The Court then took the unusual step of raising the damages imposed upon MM. Zola and Perroux, manager of the *Aurore*, from 5,000 francs to 10,000 francs for each of the three plaintiffs.

Hospital Bricklayers Strike.

All the bricklayers on the State Hospital building at Central Islip have struck. The men say that the contractor, P. J. McCaffrey, compels them to work nine hours a day and pay them from 40 to 50 cents an hour. They demand an eight-hour day with the same rate of 50 cents an hour.

with her in the Bloomingdale Asylum very recently. I may say that she remembers every detail of our business relations accurately and is perfectly well aware of the condition and hands in which she left her affairs. To my belief she is not only sane, but capable beyond the ordinary woman of intelligently handling her own business affairs.

"Miss Forgiveston and myself went to Bloomingdale to see Mrs. Wilmerding in the company of Lawyer Gleason. Mrs. Wilmerding said in his presence that she remembered distinctly the conditions of the loan secured from us and that she proposed in her own words—to stand by my own act."

"In a private conversation she told me that she wanted to get out of the asylum, that she was sane and could prove it if given a chance. She said she was constantly 'doped' with something that overcame her senses by the doctors there."

"I told Levy, my lawyer, to apply for my release, and to tell him to get a writ of habeas corpus."

"She distrusted Mr. Gleason, whom she had once thought her friend, because he took her to Bloomingdale where she believed that she was going to a Keeley cure, and because he afterward, under guise of a friendly visit, served her with notice of

the sitting of a commission and jury which legalized her incarceration.

"Mrs. Wilmerding told me all about some of the alleged insane actions described in the affidavits as just cause to warrant her incarceration. One of these was the fact that she wrote notes to Dr. Carlo, addressing him by his first name. Mrs. Wilmerding had no such hallucinations when I saw her, and simply said that she was very ill of brain fever, when she wrote the notes. The allegation that she threw her jewelry in the fire she admits."

"But, she said to me, 'it was jewelry my husband, 'Jack' Wilmerding gave me. He told me it was of great value. I needed money in Europe and tried to pawn some of it. The pawnbroker offered me 50 cents for the lot. It turned out to be worthless imitation stuff, and I was so indignant I threw the whole lot into the fire."

Mrs. Wilmerding is not penniless, as has been stated. She still has considerable property.

"A fact not generally known," said Mr. De La Mare, "is that Mrs. Mary E. Carroll, the grandmother from whom part of Mrs. Wilmerding's property descended, is not dead, but is incarcerated in an insane asylum at Middletown. Mrs. Carroll is about sixty-five years old, but in robust health, and may survive Mrs. Wilmerding, who died in 1884. Mrs. Carroll inherited about \$50,000 in trust. I have a copy here of a pathetic letter from her to the Surrogate, dated Nov. 1877, in which she begged him to prevent the lawyers from absorbing the whole estate in fees. The letter is dated Nov. 9, 1877, and is written on the stationery of the firm of Messrs. De La Mare, attorneys, at No. 203 Broadway. The letter says: 'I ask justice of the court in which widows and orphans are expected to find protection.' Mrs. Carroll's plea was made in vain. The records of the Surrogate's office show that she died in 1884. Attorney, Laurence, De La Mare, De La Mare and Noyes and their associates received nearly \$12,000 out of the widow's portion."

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Long Hours in Sun Beaten Camps at Tampa and Chickamauga Led Her.



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Miss Dorothy Phinney, Red Cross Volunteer, succumbed to fever after heroic and devoted nursing of the soldiers.

ALONGSIDE the names of Hamilton Fish, Jr., and other heroes who have given up their lives in the war with Spain can now be placed that of a woman, Dorothy Phinney. She did not fall in the fighting line, but while the men were fighting she was nursing and comforting the wounded.

It was while she was engaged in that work that she met her death.

When the war broke out Miss Phinney was head nurse at the Kings County Hospital. She was an adopted citizen of this country, having come here from New Brunswick.

"I can't march in the ranks and carry a gun because I'm not a man," she told her fellow nurses. "I can nurse, however, and that is what I am going to do."

And she did. Her friends tried to dissuade her. They dwelt on the dangers to which nurses are exposed, but she laughed at them. "I know all about the dangers," she said. "I have seen them in the hospitals and I am willing to risk them in return for what the country has done for me."

When she went to the Red Cross headquarters and offered her services. At the same time Miss Alice Neerman, an under nurse at the Kings County Hospital, volunteered. Both were sent to the front at once. They went on the St. Paul to Tampa, and for four weeks they ministered to the fever-stricken soldiers there.

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Then they were transferred to the Letter Hospital at Chickamauga Park. They had to work hard there, and finally Miss Phinney began to feel the strain. She would not give up, and day after day went about her duties when she ought to have been in bed.

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John T. Orr was a well-known young hardware merchant of Clarendon. He was a member of the church choir, his wife being the organist. There was choir practice last Friday night, and the Orrs attended. Of course, the implication, unnatural as it seems, is that even then the crime was formulated; that while they took part together in a service sacred in its intent, the woman knew of the purpose of the assassination.

They went home together, the Orrs, and he, back in his own house, mixed himself a glass of lemonade. Some one crept up to the window as he stood with the glass in his hand and shot him down. He died the following day.

Events followed quickly then, and in two days with the negroes in the midst named the wife as the instigator of the crime, and Miss Rachel Morris, a young Jewess; Miss Cassie, Will Sanders, Dennis Lillard, Rilla Weaver and Susie Jacobs, the latter negroes, as accomplices.

Cassie was arrested Sunday, and barely escaped lynching Sunday night. The mob

had already gathered to swing him up, and would undoubtedly have carried out their plan to-day, had not the attorney, Laurence, De La Mare, De La Mare and Noyes and their associates received nearly \$12,000 out of the widow's portion."

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 10.—The majority of the Committee on Resolutions agreed on a report to-day at the State convention, which will probably be adopted. It declares in favor of taking Porto Rico as a war indemnity, the retention of as many colonies as possible, and the annexation of Cuba when the island government asks for it.

It also advocates the annexation of the Philippines, a great navy and a small standing army.

It became evident early to-day that Congressman Bland and his followers had broken away from Stone on the question of territorial expansion, and had declared against such a policy. Before the State convention met the delegates from the Eighth (Bland's Congressional District) adopted resolutions favoring the Bland foreign policy.

Congressman Bland was introduced as temporary chairman. In the course of his address he said:

"What we do here to-day will not be confined to our State, but will have its influence on the whole country. We are asked to make no declaration of doctrines respecting recent issues until we have carefully deliberated upon them."

"We are asked to-day to acquire not only land, but people. We are asked to connect ourselves with a foreign population unknown to our interests and purposes. I don't want to see this convention declare itself in favor of annexing Cuba or Porto Rico or the Philippines. What we shall have wrested these islands from the Spanish Government they should be allowed to govern themselves."

WAR BEGINS ON PRIVATE SLEUTHS.

Comptroller Roberts Has J. H. Humphreys Sent to Jail.

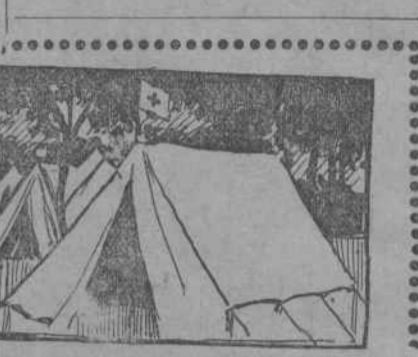
USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD.

Offered to Give Anybody a License on Payment of \$2.

HAD NO LICENSE HIMSELF

Honest Men All Over the State Had Been Sending Money, and the Government Was Forced to Act.

State Comptroller Roberts has begun an attack on unlicensed private detective agencies of this city. His agent in New York is A. L. Drummond, a reputable detective, who was for many years in the service of the Government at Washington, and the framer of the Detective License



law passed by the Legislature last April. There are thirty-seven detective agencies in New York which have not yet obtained licenses, thereby incurring penalties of fine and imprisonment. The license costs \$100, and bonds to the amount of \$2,000 have to be deposited in the Comptroller's office at Albany.

The first attack was made yesterday when Post Office Inspector Frank A. O'Brien arrested J. H. Humphreys, of the Central Detective Agency, No. 1327 Broadway. Humphreys was taken before United States Commissioner Alexander, in the Post Office building, and in default of \$1,500 bail went to Ludlow Street Jail pending examination on August 17, on a charge of using the United States mails to defraud.

Detective Drummond has been at work on the case since last May, when Humphreys began advertising "Detectives Wanted" in the New York papers. A full report went in a few days ago to M. D. Wheeler, Post Office Inspector in charge here, and the arrest followed yesterday.

Drummond discovered by three decoy letters that Humphreys was without a license, which the prisoner freely confessed yesterday in court—but he was appointing hundreds of agents all over the State, issuing to them elaborate credentials and was associating with them by using the mails to carry on this business.

In other words, without a license himself, Humphreys was licensing other detectives, and by subjecting himself to heavy penalties and then to imprisonment under the State law the moment they presented their bogus credentials. In one of Drummond's epistles was told that he could have a license to work at Bridgeport, Conn., which is quite outside of any jurisdiction, legal or illegal.

Easy to Get Them.

The first dummy letter was sent to Humphreys by Sylvester Plith Cosgrove, of Drummond's Agency, and was mailed from Philadelphia, asking for the agency at Tidewater, N. Y. Cosgrove called at the Broadway office, gave him \$2 and got his license, done up in cardboard and a remarkably business-like document.